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"DOC" SEVERINSEN HIGHLIGHTS
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DAYTON, Ohio, November 20, 1978 --- The University of Dayton Arts Series will bring master jazz trumpeter "Doc" Severinsen to the Convention Center on Fifth and Main Streets Saturday, December 2 to perform a mixed program of classics and popular favorites with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. The cabaret-style concert -- sponsored jointly by the University and the Philharmonic Association -- will start at 8:30 p.m. Single tickets may still be purchased after November 20 by calling the Philharmonic Office 224-3521, or UD's Arts Series Office 229-2347.

Maestro Charles Wendelken-Wilson will open the concert with several familiar classics. The "Doc's" special talents will then be featured when he and the Philharmonic perform Werle's Concerto No. 1 for Trumpet and Orchestra, and the concluding piece, Malaguena by Ernesto Lecuona.

Severinsen is probably best known for his nightly appearances on the Johnny Carson "Tonight Show;" if not for his trumpet virtuosity, then at least for the flamboyant costumes he wears on the show. The trumpet player, (nicknamed the "Doc" after his father, who's a dentist back home in Arlington, Oregon), joined Carson's show in 1962 and eventually replaced Skitch Henderson as orchestral leader of the house band.

"Inventiveness" is what one critic called the hallmark of Severinsen's style, a quality that has been demonstrated in band after band that he's played with: Charlie Barnett in the late 1940's, and later with other greats of the Big Band era like Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman. During 1954-55 he was soloist on Steve Allen's network nightly show.

The Severinsen performance is not the first such musical event to benefit from the combined efforts of the University of Dayton and the city's Philharmonic. Four years ago, the two institutions brought to Dayton jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald and pianist Van Cliburn. And coming April 21st, the sultry vocalist Sarah Vaughan will join the orchestra for a concert.